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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7285

BILL NUMBER: HB 1473

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Physician assistants.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Welch

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows a physician assistant (PA) to pronounce a death and authenticate any form that may be authenticated by the PA's supervising physician. The bill removes geographical locations that a supervising physician must be located within. It removes the Medical Licensing Board's (MLB) approval of supervisory agreements. It also requires that the agreement must be available to the MLB upon request.

The bill also changes the information required to be contained in a supervising agreement. It removes certain limitations on PAs prescribing and dispensing drugs and controlled substances. The bill removes the requirement that the supervising physician or physician designee review all PA patient encounters within 24 hours. The bill removes the limitation of a physician supervising not more than two PAs. It provides that a physician may supervise the number of PAs that is consistent with good medical practice. The bill allows a PA to be supervised by more than one physician. It also repeals the law that requires a supervising physician and a PA to submit certain information concerning supervising physicians and practice sites.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The Medical Licensing Board would no longer be required to approve or reject applicants' requests to change or add a supervising physician. This provision would allow the MLB to devote its resources to other business. However, a PA would continue to be required to practice with the supervision of a physician.

Background- As of September 15, 2010, there were 1,320 active physician assistant licenses with the MLB.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Medical Licensing Board, Physician Assistant Committee.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Professional Licensing Agency.

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